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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT PRECLUDING BANKS FROM CHARGING FEES FOR
PROVIDING RECORDS WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS WHO APPLY
FOR OR RECEIVE STATE ASSISTANCE OR CHILD SUPPORT
ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-137 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2007*):

4 (a) (1) (A) Any person who has in his possession or control any
5 property of any person applying for or presently or formerly receiving
6 aid or care or child support enforcement services, as defined in
7 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 46b-231, from the state or
8 who is indebted to such applicant or recipient or has knowledge of any
9 insurance, including health insurance or property currently or
10 formerly belonging to him, or information pertaining to eligibility for
11 such aid or care or services, and any officer who has control of the
12 books and accounts of any corporation which has possession or control
13 of any property belonging to any person applying for or receiving such
14 aid or care or services or who is indebted to him, or has knowledge of

15 any insurance, including health insurance or any person having in his
16 employ any such person, shall, upon presentation by the
17 Commissioner of Social Services, or the Commissioner of
18 Administrative Services, or the Commissioner of Public Safety, or a
19 support enforcement officer of the Superior Court, or any person
20 deputized by any of them, of a certificate, signed by him, stating that
21 such applicant, recipient or employee has applied for or is receiving or
22 has received such aid or care or services from the state, make full
23 disclosure to said commissioner, such officer or such deputy of any
24 such property, insurance, wages, indebtedness or information.

25 (B) At the request of the Commissioner of Social Services, insurance
26 companies licensed to do business in Connecticut shall be required,
27 when compatible data elements are available, to conduct automated
28 data matches to identify insurance coverage for recipients and the
29 parents of recipients who are minors. Upon completion of such
30 matches the commissioner shall reimburse such companies for the
31 reasonable documented costs of conducting the matches.

32 (2) (A) Such disclosure may be obtained in like manner of the
33 property, wages or indebtedness of any person who is either: (i) Liable
34 for the support of any such applicant or recipient, including the
35 parents of any child receiving aid or services through the Department
36 of Children and Families, or one adjudged or acknowledged to be the
37 father of an illegitimate child; or (ii) the subject of an investigation in a
38 IV-D support case, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of
39 section 46b-231. Any company or officer who has control of the books
40 and accounts of any corporation shall make full disclosure to the IV-D
41 agency, as defined in subdivision (12) of subsection (b) of section 46b-
42 231, or to the support enforcement officer of the Superior Court of any
43 such property, wages or indebtedness in all support cases, including
44 IV-D support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of
45 section 46b-231.

46 (B) The Commissioner of Social Services, the Commissioner of

47 Administrative Services, the Commissioner of Public Safety or a
48 support enforcement officer of the Superior Court, or any person
49 deputized by any of them, may compel, by subpoena, the attendance
50 and testimony under oath of any person who refuses to disclose in
51 accordance with the provisions of this section, or of any person who is
52 either: (i) Liable for the support of any such applicant or recipient; or
53 (ii) the subject of an investigation in a IV-D support case, as defined in
54 subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of section 46b-231, who refuses to
55 disclose his own financial circumstances, and may so compel the
56 production of books and papers pertaining to such information.

57 (C) The Commissioner of Social Services may subpoena the financial
58 records of any financial institution concerning property of any person
59 applying for or presently or formerly receiving aid or care from the
60 state or who is indebted to such applicant or recipient. The
61 Commissioner of Social Services may subpoena such records of any
62 parent or parents of any child applying for or presently or formerly
63 receiving assistance under the aid to families with dependent children
64 program, the temporary family assistance program or the state-
65 administered general assistance program.

66 (D) The commissioner, or a support enforcement officer of the
67 Superior Court, or the person deputized by the commissioner or officer
68 shall set a time and place for any examination under this subdivision,
69 and any person summoned who, without reasonable excuse, fails to
70 appear and testify or to produce such books and papers shall be fined
71 fifty dollars for each such offense.

72 (E) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this
73 subsection, no person or entity that provides access to or discloses
74 records or any information in accordance with the provisions of this
75 subsection shall charge a fee for providing access to or disclosing any
76 such records or information.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	17b-137(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To preclude any entity that provides access to records of recipients of state aid, care or child support enforcement services from charging the state or any other customer a fee for providing such information.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]